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HELPING CHILDREN GROW

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AN OVERVIEW

Sahay, established in 1989, is an independent Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) that has been instrumental in making the life of children living below the poverty line transform into mature, confident and independent adults.

Sahay works in collaboration with 24 grassroots organisations in 9 districts of West Bengal and supports 20,536 children. Sahay concerns itself with all aspects of the lives of the children under its wing, with particular emphasis on health, education, nutrition, family and community assistance and value formation. The past 12 years have definitely brought about a distinct improvement in the lives and attitudes of such children, their families and the community in which they live.

Children International of U.S.A., which is the funding agency of Sahay, has extended exemplary support right from the beginning. It is due to such support that Sahay has been able to achieve its goal of nurturing a 'healthy, educated and self reliant child.'

ABOUT CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL – OUR FUNDING AGENCY

Children International was founded in 1936. It is a non-profit organisation dedicated to improving the quality of life and meeting the needs of poverty-stricken children worldwide.

The mission of Children International is to help children living in dire poverty. This is accomplished through the generosity of sponsors who provide the children with programme benefits and services that meet their basic needs, enhance their self-esteem and raise their physical and educational levels in a meaningful and lasting way.

Children International strives to make children grow into healthy, educated and self-reliant adults through it's projects, worldwide. Each child receives formal education, health education combined with annual health and dental check ups and family and community assistance. Ultimately the child will grow up into an independent adult having the correct values.

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REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sahay means 'support' and this support is being provided to 20536 children to make them 'healthy, educated and self- dependent'. Fulfilling this mission is no mean task and all care is taken to see that the child goes to school, maintains good health and learns the correct values. Since the past 12 years Sahay has been working sincerely and diligently for the upliftment of the family and community to which the child belongs.

We hope to accomplish more and implement more programmes for the well-being of the poorest of the poor.

We are very grateful to all our 24 partner projects for standing by us and lending us their support. Our gratitude goes to Children International our funding organisation, for making the dreams of our children come true. Our thanks also goes out to the Sahay team members who with their sincere efforts and hard work have made the sponsorship programme a success.

Prof. Madhu S. Mishra
President

Ms. Neena Singh
Secretary

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Sahay has been working for the past 12 years to make children living in poverty grow into educated, healthy and contributing citizens of tomorrow. Our 20,536 sponsored children go to school, have regular health check ups and are taught the correct values.

Preservation of good health forms an integral part of our health curriculum. Our clinics in the various sub projects are maintained and repaired regularly. Annual health and dental check ups for all our children were carried out in all villages. Community health training has been given to mothers of the sponsored children for safeguarding not only their health but also that of their family and neighbours. Awareness campaigns on blood donation and sexually transmitted diseases have been held amongst older sponsored children, their siblings, parents and the village youth. Blood group testing and testing for haemoglobin has been held for safety measures against emergencies and illnesses like anaemia and thalassaemia. Special classes on hygiene and sanitation have been held for children, so that they may be more aware of personal cleanliness and spread the same message to others. Like all other years, de-worming campaigns have been held to distribute Albendazole tablets and keep infections of the stomach under check. Issues relating to menstrual hygiene and usage of sanitary napkins have been discussed with girls who have attained puberty.

Sahay is fighting to keep malnutrition at bay by opening nutrition clinics, where children are weighed and family members are taught to maintain a proper diet. Mothers in the community have been taught to identify a malnourished child and teach that particular family proper food habits. These under nourished children are given nutritional supplements to fight mal-nutrition. Apart from this, nutritional meals are served in the balwadis or pre-school for all children. Regular growth monitoring of children and growing a kitchen garden in all the homes is part of our normal programme.

Sahay cherishes a dream that all children will go to school and later opt for college education to make themselves self reliant in future. By the end of 2000 we had 95.4% school goers. Those who dropped out of school chose vocational education. Many children attended summer camps where science was taught through the Activity Method of teaching and learning. The children made low cost models to demonstrate the operation of various scientific principles. Special training in this category has been given to balwadi or pre-school teachers, primary school teachers and teachers who give special coaching to students. The scholarship programme that was introduced in 1998 still continues. All 33 of our scholarship students are doing courses in medicine, engineering, pharmacology, polytechnic and courses in the general stream. Voracious readers covering a wide age group visit our 35 libraries in various schools in the villages. A few of such libraries have a small corner reserved for pre school children. These children come here to play with educational toys. Our 32 Child Resource Centres fulfill the needs of the children in the sphere of extra curricular activities.

Our Child Core Group has been very active during the last year. Theatre camps were held in many villages to help the children use theatre as a medium to communicate to the community in which they work. In addition these camps also helped the children to cultivate their creative skills, gain confidence and work together. Similar such workshops were held in the fields of art and music where the children were taught through music and pictures the preservation of a fast eroding traditional culture. They also learnt to develop their skills in these areas besides being able to express their feelings and experiences clearly. Nature Study camps were also organised to facilitate the proper understanding and preservation of natural life. Art competitions are held every year and our sponsored children have won a place for themselves in the Annual Art Contest held at Children International every year.

Sahay is trying very hard to instill a strong sense of community in our sponsored children. Community and family assistance, forms a major part of our work. In the last year, we have built 1649 latrines in the villages and in schools, while 44 tube wells have been installed for safe drinking water. The recent floods in our country damaged and washed away a number of houses and in this respect many homes have been constructed. Van rickshaws were given to very needy families as part of an Income Generating Programme. Culverts have been constructed to facilitate easy transportation and promote irrigation in the fields. Solar lights have been installed in villages where there is no electricity. Besides these, gifts consisting of clothing, shoes, blankets, metal trunks and school uniforms have been distributed for the sponsored children and their siblings.

I am very grateful to our partner projects and Children International for being with us and supporting us. I would also like to thank the Sahay Board Members for their guidance, support and co-operation. My acknowledgement goes out to our resource persons, who have devoted a lot of their time towards our children. The dedication of the staff members of Sahay has also helped us to realize our dreams of bringing forth 'a healthy, educated and self-reliant child'. I thank each and every one for their contribution towards achieving our goal.

Niraj Agrawal
Director-Sahay

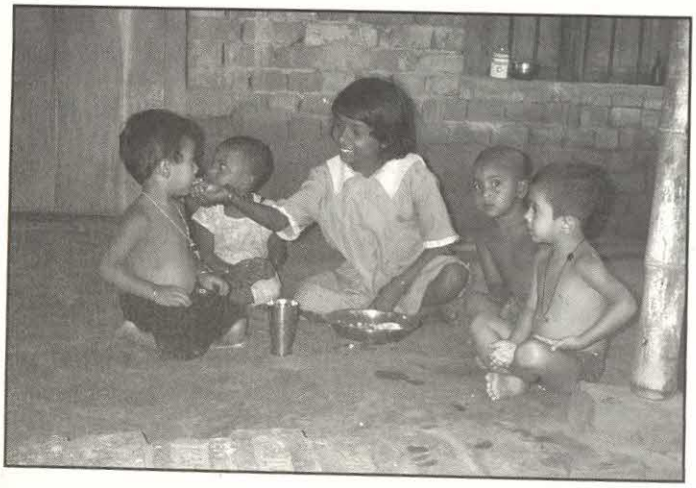
A GLANCE THROUGH SAHAY'S REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Sahay reaches out to the children through a comprehensive child development programme in concentrated areas through focussed activities in the fields of Health, Education, Nutrition, Value formation and Family Assistance. The approach adopted for this purpose is to reach out to the family and community, through the child.

Two basic strategies are applied to accomplish the various objectives of Sahay.

Child to Child Process

Sahay recognises children as the future force, a nation's resource- a force which can bring about a change through the Child-to-Child approach. This exciting approach believes that children can bring about a positive change in society by acquiring knowledge about various aspects of life and sharing them with their family, friends and the community. This gave birth to the Child Core Groups which are very active in implementing the multiple programmes at the field level.



Community Organisation

The success of Sahay's programmes lies in the existence of strong, de-centralised and effective functioning of community groups at the grass roots level. These groups at every level are entrusted with decision-making powers for addressing all the developmental issues of the community.

Considering the needs of empowering the women, special emphasis is laid on involving women at every level. There are Neighbourhood Groups (NHGs) comprising of 15-20 women in every locality and Child Core groups and youth groups across all the 450 villages.

EDUCATION

Sahay's ongoing education programmes have focussed on developing competencies of children at various levels and contributing to the expansion of educational facilities for these children.

Regular programme support in education :

- Educational assistance for sponsored child and sibling in the form of school supplies, school tuition fees and school uniforms.
- Special coaching facilities to enable the children, who are mostly first generation learners to cope up with their studies.
- Provide opportunities for interested children and school dropouts to go for vocational training. The objective of such training is to impart skills to the children that can support them in their endeavour to be self-reliant in life.
- Organize training in art, for the development of creative potentials in the children.

Infrastructure development for creating conductive atmosphere for teaching and learning process :

- Creating pre-primary centres with related facilities.
- Providing support to the government and government aided high schools in the form of creating infrastructure and facilities and developing these as Child Resource Centres. These have been developed through a process of community mobilization and the entire community actively participates and contributes to the process. The support includes construction of buildings for classrooms and libraries, construction and/or repair of latrines, provision of books, periodicals and laboratory equipment.
- Provide children's parks near schools.

Process initiatives :

Apart from supporting existing infrastructure and facilities, Sahay has also taken up community based initiatives to make education accessible to more children. This includes:

- Motivating parents to enroll their children and ensuring completion of school education.
- Identifying families where educational pursuits are under threat and taking appropriate follow-up measures.
- Investing in capacity building of neighbourhood groups to handle these and related issues such as child marriage, management of pre-schools, etc.
- Investing in the capacity building of pre-primary schools and special coaching teachers. The teachers are regularly trained in child-centric and joyful methods of teaching.

Programme Services
January 2000 – December 2000

EDUCATION	Sponsored recipient
School Supplies	20,686
School Uniform	20,774
Special Coaching	11,750
School Fees	6,180
Vocational training	186

Programme Services
January 2000 – December 2000

EDUCATION	Sponsored recipient
Number of Preschools run by Project and supported by Sahay	128
Number of Primary schools run by Projects and supported by Sahay	3
Number of Secondary schools run by Projects and supported by Sahay	1
Number of Social Workers supported by Sahay	88

HEALTH

Health and nutrition programmes focus on the provision of health care facilities through preventive, curative, promotive and rehabilitative services.

Regular Programme support in health and nutrition :

Proper health measures are taken at every level. These include :

- Annual health check ups for the children. Health records of the children are maintained across all partner organisations.
- Albendazole tablets are distributed to all the children and their families as a part of the deworming programme.
- Hygiene kits are distributed to all sponsored children.
- Construction of latrines and bathing rooms and concrete floors to prevent illnesses like influenza and common cold.
- Well-equipped clinics are run at most partner organisations for the regular treatment of children and their families/communities with special emphasis on the health care of adolescents and women.
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- Health classes are conducted for the child and his/her parents.
- Regular monitoring of growth to reduce malnutrition.
- Provision of supplementary nutrition to children in balwadis or preschools.

- Nutrition clinics and counselling services.
- Efforts are made to promote breast-feeding and proper weaning habits.
- Kitchen gardens are also encouraged in every home for a nutritive diet.

The emphasis is on making the nutrition programme a community based programme by mobilizing NHGs to take up the issue and run village level nutrition clinics. The main activities of such clinics include growth monitoring, counselling, food preparation demonstration etc. Efforts are put in for the capacity building of the members of the community through training in home level nutrition management, preparation of kitchen gardens etc.

Programme Services January 2000 – December 2000

HEALTH	Sponsored recipient
Medicines	20,686
Referral	
Hygiene kits	20,686
Health Education classes	20,686
Albendazole tablets as part of deworming campaign	1,07,887

Programme Services January 2000 – December 2000

HEALTH	Sponsored recipient
Number of mobile clinics run by Project and supported by Sahay	33
Number of static clinics run by Project and supported by Sahay	31
Number of Doctors supported by Sahay	33
Number of Health Workers supported by Sahay	71
Emergency Medical Assistance	27

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Considering the fact that the child is a part of the family, assistance in various forms is given to improve the living conditions of the family. Low cost housing, home repairs, and tube wells have been installed for provision of safe drinking water for the families.

Programme Services January 2000 - December 2000

FAMILY ASSISTANCE	Sponsored recipient
House repair	1,577
Latrines	1,649
Bathroom construction	102
Floor construction	565
Blankets/quilts/ winter garments	20,719
Clothing for child	20,543
Clothing for sibling	20,774
Slippers for child	20,774
Clothing for parents	20,631
Household items	20,631
Cycle van	141
Bicycle	515
Domestic solar light	5
Emergency home construction	234

Programme Services January 2000 - December 2000

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY	Sponsored recipient
Community centres repaired	5
Community Centres constructed	1
School latrines	31
Urinals	19
Community bathroom / latrine construction	9
Garbage pits	91
Tubewell installed	44
Tubewell repaired	25
Children's park built	4
Children's park repaired	2
Bamboo bridge built	21
Ponds excavated	15
Culvert	15

VALUE FORMATION

Educational Tours

Music

Camps

Drama

Training and Workshop

Children Magazine

Sports

Art

PROGRAMMES IN 2000

Reproductive and Child Health Programme

Steps were undertaken with the objective of organizing a need based and focussed adolescent health management programme through the Reproductive and Child Health care programme. The programme was undertaken in 11 projects. The programme also addressed capacity building of the participants on gender issues. Generation of awareness about RTI/STD, STDs and regular Mother and Child Health (MCH) activities was also done in the programme. As a part of the programme, training for the social workers in Training of Trainer mode was organized. Gynaecological clinic support was extended to the partner organisations under the purview of the programme. Sanitary napkins were distributed to all the adolescent girls for promoting menstrual hygiene.

Comprehensive and Integrated Pilot Nutrition Programme

Comprehensive and integrated pilot nutrition programme was undertaken with the objective of reduction in acute wasting of all identified children in three partner organisations by 2001. The programme also aimed at reduction of the incidence of night blindness by control of Vitamin A deficiency. The programme emphasized on exclusive breast-feeding and continuation of breast milk with supplementary food well into the second year. Regular growth monitoring by the family and the community volunteers for all children was an integral part of the programme. Community managed nutrition clinics are being organized at every village. Training for preparation of homestead gardens was undertaken for ensuring food security and home-level nutrition management.

Refresher Mother and Child (MCH) Training

Refresher MCH training was organized with the objective of generating awareness regarding the need for MCH programme and identification of gaps in knowledge about MCH issues. Internalization of the components of MCH and identification of 'at risk' mother and children was also an important component of the programme. The programme also covered antenatal and post-natal care, childcare, basic nutrition, common illness and its management, communication skills and the concept of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA). The programme was undertaken in six partner organisations.

Workshop with Project Doctors

A workshop with the doctors of partner organisations was undertaken in order to standardize Annual Health Checkup format and appraise the Project Doctors and Project Managers on issues of Rational Drug therapy. Doctors across all the 24 partner organisations participated in the workshop along with the respective Project Managers.

Deworming Programme

As a part of the deworming programme albendazole tablets were distributed to the sponsored children for prevention and control of parasite infection among the children. De-worming campaigns were also carried out for promoting hygienic practices.

Blood Group Test, Awareness on STD/ HIV and Blood Related Diseases

Blood group test, awareness on STD/HIV and blood related diseases was done with the objective of recording the blood group and the haemoglobin percentage of the sponsored children as well as to create awareness regarding blood and blood related diseases. The programme also helped to create a databank for blood donors in the neighbourhood community. Awareness was generated in the community about Sexually Transmitted Diseases and blood related diseases. The programme has been conducted with 7,126 children across 13 partner organisations of Sahay.

Parasite Study 2000

Parasite study was undertaken for the evaluation of the de-worming programme on the basis of prevalence and intensity of parasite infestation among sponsored children.

Special Coaching Training and Follow up

Special coaching service is extended to all sponsored children since most of the children are first generation learners and their parents cannot help them with their studies. The special coaching teachers receive regular training for capacity building, to handle children with learning difficulties. The training also emphasizes better use of available resources and constraints like space, teaching and learning materials. Multi aptitude and multi grade teaching methods are also incorporated in the training. These training programmes are regularly followed up for reinforcement.145 special coaching teachers from 11 partner organisations participated in the programme.

Workshop on Monitoring of Education Programme

The workshop on education monitoring was undertaken with the objective of capacity building of the sponsorship staff for the monitoring of the education programme. The workshop was focused on developing of indicators for assessment of the education programme. Orientation about the innovative methods of classroom teaching and evaluation techniques was also given to the participants. Project Managers and Social Workers from 17 partner organisations participated in the training.

Health Workers Diary

The Health Worker's Diary was published for the convenience of Health workers so that they may keep a record of their day to day activities during field visits. The diaries were also distributed to facilitate systematic collection of data and documentation of information. These diaries were distributed to all the social workers/ health workers across 24 partner organisations and other people in the government and private sectors in the field of health.

Pre-Primary Teachers Training and Followup

Pre-primary teachers receive training to handle pre-primary learners and help them develop competencies appropriate for the same level.These are also followed up on a regular basis. The training imparted in the year 2000 concentrated on activity based learning methods and skill development to design and use joyful teaching and

learning materials. 67 pre-primary teachers from 11 partner organisations participated in the programme.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp was a specially designed programme for the academically weak learners at the primary level. The objective of the programme was to facilitate participation of identified weak learners in intensive joyful activities, which will help develop the necessary academic competencies among them. The programme also tried to develop the confidence and assertiveness among these learners and facilitate expression of their specific interests. The programme was undertaken with 1100 children across five partner organisations.

Herbal Project

The herbal project was undertaken with the objective of familiarizing the children about the uses of herbal medicines for the treatment of common ailments. The programme aimed at definite skill training in identification, selection and cultivation of plants of medicinal value. The project also had an educational aspect for the children, as they will learn to identify plants, learn about their habitats, life cycles, use etc. through observation. The programme was undertaken in four partner organisations.

Science Project

The Science project was undertaken in nine high schools with the objective to introduce activity based science projects, which may have a positive impact on the science teaching-learning process. This programme was introduced, to create an interest for science amongst students. The programme provided an opportunity/ exposure to those interested in science to engage in creative activities. The Child Resource Centres that were involved in the project were enriched with student-centric academic activities. 40 High School science teachers from nine schools across seven partner organisations participated in the programme.

School Garden Project

The School Garden Project was undertaken for the establishment of the essential link of the school lessons (especially life science) with the living world. The programme provided orientation training for the children in scientific and sustainable methods of cultivation. The teachers were involved for facilitation of the interpretation of the syllabus with hands on experiments. Grassroots level instructors were identified to carry the process forward. The programme was undertaken in two partner organisations.

Bio-Diversity Register Preparation

The programme on preparation of the Bio-diversity Register was undertaken with the objective of sensitizing the children on the diversity of live forms around them. The children were also equipped with skills of identification and classification of life forms and documentation of information in the form of a bio-diversity register. The local Child Resource Centre actively participated in the programme and took the responsibility of preservation of the materials collected for public awareness generation and for regular teaching. The Bio-diversity Register was prepared with the children of one partner organisation.

Preparation of Herbal Diary

Herbal diaries were prepared with the objective of orienting the Child Core Group in identification, selection

and use of herbs for treatment of common ailments and document the same in the form of a diary. The diary was also prepared to help the children to take notes in the course of their work on herbal plants and be an easy reference. The diary also created an opportunity to share the work done on herbal medicines with others. The children prepared herbarium sheets that were used in the diary.

Child Well Being Scales

Child Well Being Scales are administered every year to assess / evaluate the effectiveness of the sponsorship benefit programmes (Health, Education, Nutrition, Family Assistance and Community Assistance) among sponsored children and their families enjoying benefits for quite some time. All the 24 partner organisations participated in the study. The requisite training was imparted by Sahay.

The Scholarship Programme

The Scholarship programme is undertaken to enable meritorious/potential candidates to continue with their studies by providing an environment congenial for realization of their potential. The programme covers cost of equipment and tools, cost of reading materials, transportation facility and costs, boarding and food charges, private tuition charges, school and college fees and school / college examination charges etc. 33 children across all partner organisations have been covered in the year 2000.

Children's Magazine

The programme on publishing a Children's magazine "Rang Mashla" was undertaken to give a boost to the creative potential of the children. The publication facilitated sharing ideas across geographical locations and creating a platform for children to voice issues of concern. The children coordinated the entire process and were responsible for the collection of contributions from other children and editing the same. The programme resulted in children gaining confidence in themselves as well as developing coordination skills and leadership qualities. All the partner organisations were involved in the programme.

Library Organization

A workshop was undertaken on library organization for the capacity building of the library-in-charge of schools in the partner organisations area and also that of the library-in-charge of libraries run by partner organisations. Training was given in library organisation, library administration, preservation of books and cataloguing. Nine partner organisations participated in the programme.

Disaster Management

Disaster Management trainings were organized with the objective of effective management of disasters through improved knowledge and skill on disaster preparedness and management process. The training developed the capacity of the participants to assess the character, magnitude and frequency of disasters. An assessment of requirements in respect of manpower, equipment, supplies and training was also facilitated. The steps in disaster preparedness and mitigation were chalked out. Six partner organisations participated in the training.

Community Based Programme to mitigate the Arsenic Pollution in West Bengal

A community based programme to mitigate the arsenic pollution in West Bengal has just been initiated in collaboration with All India Institute of Public Health & Hygiene, at Malda. Six villages in English Bazar Block in Malda district have been identified for intervention. The scope of work includes testing of water quality, treatment of water, formation of community groups to steer the process and provisioning of health extension services.

Communication Workshop

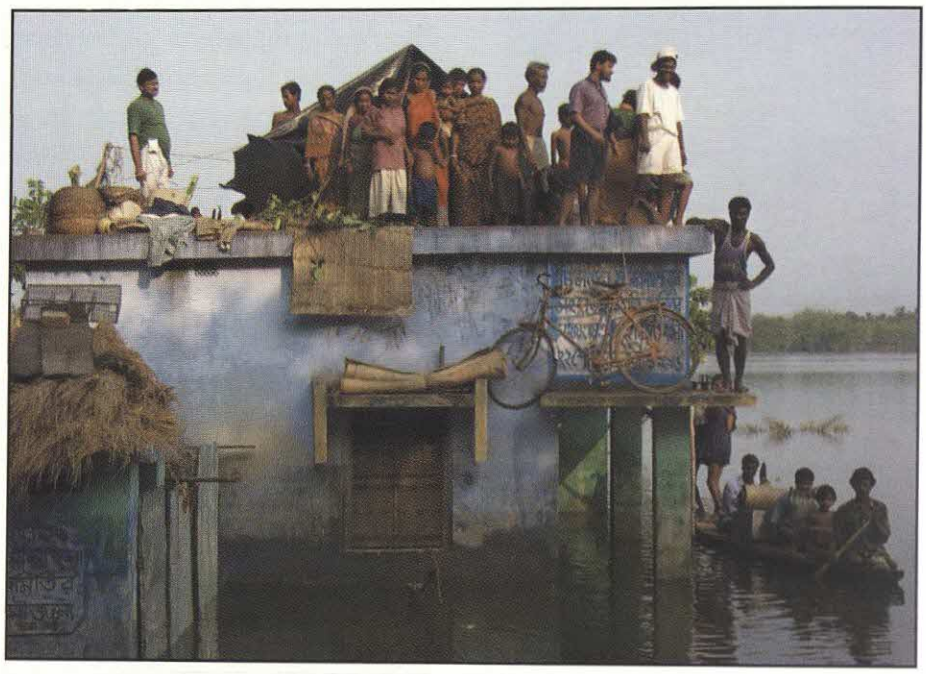
A series of workshops were held for the development of communication skills among the children. The programme also aimed at the development of assertiveness and

confidence among the children and increase their ability to work together. The programme helped the children actualize their creative potentials and cultivate interest in their local dialect, folk culture and heritage. The children were also trained to use different mediums of communication such as music, art and theatre, effectively to address the issues relevant to the community. The programme was undertaken in 12 partner organisations.

Youth Programme

The youth programme was launched with the objective of developing vocational readiness, civic competence, healthy lifestyle and socially responsible behaviour of the youth. More than 150 youths and about 25 social workers were successfully trained for the development of leadership qualities for steering the youth groups at the village level. All partner organisations participated in the programme.

DEALING WITH TOUGH TIMES – THE FLOODS



The Srirampur Primary School at Nadia

The flash flood that hit West Bengal in September 2000 left behind nothing but destruction and loss. The worst hit was the district of Nadia where Sahay runs its sponsorship programme through its partner organisations – Sreema Mahila Samity and Ushagram Trust.

The flood had swept off most of the homes. Some people were able to take shelter in nearby buildings, some on rooftops and some on trees. The rest were washed away. There was no food, no water and no hope of survival. All communication links had been cut off and providing relief to these areas had become an impossible task. The total affected population was approximately 21 million and total loss was over Rs 40 billion in crops, houses and infrastructure like roads, schools etc. Total number of sponsored children affected in the flood was 3100 approximately.

Sahay with the generous support of Children International and the help of its partner organisations organized for immediate relief to the affected people. It worked towards mobilization of relief and also facilitated linkages of the partner organisations with other resource organisations. Sahay provided relief in the form of dry and cooked food, bleaching powder, halogen tablets, medicines, polythene sheets and tarpaulin for temporary shelters. Statistical data on relief provided by Sahay has been given in a table below.

MEASURES TAKEN FOR FLOOD AFFECTED FAMILIES AT NADIA

Food	13000	Families & Children
Tarpaulin Sheets	400	Families
Income Generation Support	750	Families
Clothing	6400	Families & Children
Mosquito net	1500	Families
Home Repair	731	Families
School Repair	23	

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Expression of Ideas - Child Art

Children International, our donor agency, is currently working with approximately 2,50,000 children in 9 countries. Every year Children International organises an Art Contest worldwide to encourage children to come forward and display their artistic talents. Sahay and its 24 partners organised art contests at the field level in June 2000.

The theme for the contest was: "Healthy Educated Child". Children of three age groups took part in the contest: 3-6 years, 7-11 years and 12 years and above. Each organisation selected the three best paintings from each age group and sent them to SAHAY. The children put forward their ideas and views in very colourful ways.

An exhibition was held at Nehru Children's Museum, Calcutta, on August 12, 2000 with all these selected paintings. The selected paintings were displayed in the Annual Art Exhibition at Nehru Children's Museum.

Three paintings from each age group were selected at Sahay level and sent to Children International for the worldwide contest.

Of these paintings, Arindam Adhikary's (ID# 765258 of Kalyan Bharati) painting was selected in the 1st Category 'A' at the Children International level. It was a great achievement for Sahay as well as Arindam. He was sent a special badge, certificate, an art kit and money to buy things of his own choice.

12th Foundation Day of Sahay

SAHAY celebrated its 12th Foundation Day on 1st March 2001. This year the day was celebrated with a musical programme with a difference. Children from six districts of West Bengal presented folk songs specific to their district. Shri Utpalendu Choudhury, a renowned name in the world of folk music was the Chief Guest for the programme.

The Foundation Day provided a platform for such expressions. The entire event was presented in a manner that had woven together major folklore music in the form of a dance drama. All the traits had a relationship with the rural life of Bengal. All the songs were related to some major festival of the area.

Around 125 children from six partner organizations of Sahay participated in the programme. These children had, in the past, received training in communication skills from Sahay.

The children's magazine ' Rang Mashla' released on this day, has been an instance of teamwork and involved children from all the partner organisations of Sahay.

Sahay – Staff Happenings

- The Sponsor Relations Department attended a seminar at Philippines in May 2000. The seminar organised by Children International was based on the theme " Strengthening the bond between sponsor and child".
- A Team Building Exercise was held for all members of the staff for 2 days at Digha in December 2000, to discuss issues, develop systems for better functioning as well as strengthening interpersonal relations.
- A partner Project Meet was organised by Sahay for all the Chief Functionaries of the partner organisations.
- The Director of Sahay as well as 3 key staff members visited the Children International office at Kansas City U.S.A. for a training and induction in December 2000.

SAHAY'S PARTNER PROJECTS

Bani Mandir (1945)
Chief Functionary:Mr. Soumendranath Mandal
Project Manager: Mr. Shyamal Kanti Mondal

Vill. Khordanahala,
P. O. Sadurhat
Dist. South 24 Parganas
West Bengal 743504
Phone : 9174 44290 (03174)

# of sponsored children : 663

Education, health, support services to farmers, awareness camps on social issues and training for social activators, good infrastructural facilities for training and meetings, microcredit programme.

Taraknath Maternity and Child Welfare Centre (1973)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Lakshmi Kanta Bhattacharya
Project Manager: Mr. Shivayan Adhikary

P. O. Tarakeswar,
Dist. Hooghly
West Bengal
Phone : 9112 76448

# of sponsored children : 560

Health (Mother and Child Health Programme), training centre for ICDS, education (preschools and support to primary schools).

Nivedita Community Care Centre (1975)

Chief Functionary:Mr. Lakshmi Kanta Bhattacharya
Project Manager: Mr. Chandrachur Som

Ichhapur,
P. O. Gopinagar,
Hooghly,
West Bengal 712423
Phone : 9112 72293

# of sponsored children: 640

Runs a well equipped maternity hospital with an outpatient department, pathology, dental and eye clinic, MCH and Immunisation clinic, school health programme, library, nonformal education centre and balwadis.

Satya Bharati (1945)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Pushpa Ranjan Chattopadhyay
Project Manager : Mr. Ajoy Chattopadhaya

P.O. Nabagram
Dist. Hooghly
Phone : 673 1499

# of sponsored children: 1017

Training Centre for ICDS workers, short stay home for girls, old age home and primary school, community based health and nutrition programme.

Kalyan Bharati (1979)

Chief Functionary:Mr. Gour Chandra Dhole
Project Manager: Mr. Dilip Kumar Bhui

Kamarkundu
Dist. Hooghly
Pin. 712407
Phone : 630 0906

# of sponsored children: 332

Home for destitute and needy boys, charitable clinic, kindergarten schools and creches, training in tailoring and embroidery.

Dhaniakhali Depressed Classes' League (1977)

Chief Functionary:Mr. Sambhunath Das
Project Manager: Mr. Harshabardhan Das

Kamarkundu
Dist. Hooghly
Pin. 712407
Phone : 9112 33340

# of sponsored children: 500

Training and production centre for weaving, District Resource Centre for physically handicapped, production unit for the manufacture of artificial limbs and equipment for handicapped, homeopathy clinic, microcredit programme.

CINI - Child In Need Institute (1975)

Chief Functionary : Dr. Samir Chaudhuri
Project Manager : Mr. Madhai Naskar

Vill. Daulatpur
P.O. Pailan, Via Joka
Dist. 24 Parganas (S)
Pin. 743512
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# of sponsored children : 1293

Community based low cost health care for mothers and children, MCH and family planning programmes, static and mobile clinics, Nutrition Rehabilitation Clinic, emergency medical ward. Income Generation and women's groups, balwadis

Baikunthapur Sishu Seva Kendra (1978)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Panchu Gopal Mondal
Project Manager : Mr. Harekrishna Mondal

P.O. & Vill. Baikunthapur
Via Raidighi
Dist. 24 Parganas (S)

# of sponsored children : 1469

MCH and family planning, health clinic, mobile clinic services, education for pre schoolers, adult literacy, emergency boat services and irrigational infrastructure for agricultural development, library and community hall.

Rural Health Development Centre (1983)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Ratan Sarkar
Project Manager : Mr. Saibal Sinha

Vill. Jamuna
P.O. Baragram
Dist. West Dinajpur
Pin. 733128
Phone : 03512 60211

# of sponsored children : 653

Runs a homeopathy clinic, MCH and family planning, balwadis and primary school, provides flood relief, agricultural development and irrigation infrastructure.

Sarada Ramakrishna (Shishu & Mahila) Sevashram (1968)

Chief Functionary : Br.Sandhya Das
Project Manager : Mr. Samir Halder
Vill. Marjada

P.O. Hotar, Block Magrahat II
Dist. 24 Parganas (S).
Phone : 9118 40440

# of sponsored children : 792

Orphanage for girls, Junior High School and balwadis, nonformal education and adult literacy for women, clinic, immunisation, family planning.

Ushagram Trust (1980)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Amar Nath Dutta
Project Manager : Mr. Saikat Banerjee

P.O. Birnagar
Dist. Nadia
Pin. 741 127
Phone : 9173 60283

# of sponsored children : 967

Balwadis and primary school,vocational training centre for food processing, weaving, tailoring, printing and mushroom cultivation, works through youth clubs and Mahila Mandals.

Mogalpur Vivekananda Janakalyan Samity (1976)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Joydeb Das

Project Manager : Mr. Ashish Bardhan
P.O. Bhanderhati
Dist. Hooghly
Pin. 712301
Phone : 9113 54350

# of sponsored children : 476

Immunisation, family planning and welfare, ambulance service, creches and balwadis, nonformal education with vocational training.

Mass Education (1976)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Sukumar Singh
Project Manager : Mr. Jyotirmoy Saha

Mahamayatala, Garia
Calcutta - 700 084
Phone : 477 3674/1447; email : mass@cal.vsnl.net.in

# of sponsored children : 1117

Schools and education centres, mobile library,women and child hospital,state wide microcredit development programme, drinking water supply and occupational skills development.

Nishtha (1975)

Chief Functionary : Ms. Mina Das
Project Manager : Mr. K. K. Mondal

Vill. Subuddhipur, P.O. Baruipur
Dist. 24 Parganas (S)
Pin. 743302
Phone : 433 9865

# of sponsored children : 815

Rights of women and children, immunisation and prenatal and post natal care, vocational training and income generation programmes for women, non-formal schools and pre-schools.

Ichapur Janakalyan Parshad (1981)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Babla Sarkar

Anandamath, Ichapur
24 Parganas (N)
Phone : 560 2345/ 1663; email : ijkp@satyam.net.in

# of sponsored children: 283

Pre-primary, primary and adult education, health clinics and small savings, vocational training for women.

Mukti Ananda Tirtha (1981)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Mukul Kumar Samanta
Project Manager : Mr. Mrinal Halder

Vill. & P.O. Bhadura
Via Falta
Dist. 24 Parganas (S)
Pin. 743504
Phone : 9174 22540

# of sponsored children : 484

MCH clinic, balwadis and library, weaving – training and production.

Seba Sangha (1973)

Chief Functionary : Ms. Esahaque Mollah
Project Manager : Mr. Ebahaque Mollah

Vill. Kantalfully, P.O. Makhana
Dist. 24 Parganas (S)
Pin. 743503
Phone : 470 0037

# of sponsored children : 629

Balwadis, library, clinic and ambulance services, community health, credit programme, handloom centre.

Council For Social Development (1982)

Chief Functionary : Dr. M.C. Majumdar
Project Manager : Mr. Anwar Ali

4 Mominpore Road, Kidderpore
Calcutta 700 023

# of sponsored children : 195

Balwadis, adult literacy, education for street children, health clinic.

CINI-Moyna Rural Health Development Centre (1978)

Chief Functionary : Dr. Samar Sinha
Project Manager : Mr. Jibananda Das

Vill. & P.O. Paschim Naichanpur
Moyna, Midnapore
Pin. 721642
Phone : 03228 60330

# of sponsored children : 1337

Community health clinic, flood relief, TRYSEM and other Govt. programmes for skill development.

Economic Rural Development Society (1984)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Madhu Basu
Project Manager : Mr. Subhasis Guha

Boral Majher Para
P.O. & Vill. Boral
Dist. 24 Parganas (S)
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# of sponsored children : 725

Balwadis, adult and nonformal education, income generation and recreational activities, ambulance and clinic services.

Ashurali Gramonnayan Parishad (1982)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Amritalal Parui
Project Manager : Mr. Amritalal Parui

Vill. Ashurali
P.O. Sadhurhat
Dist. 24 Parganas (S)
Phone : 9174 2368

# of sponsored children : 1435

Health and nutrition, income generation, animal husbandry, handlooms, village organisation programmes.

Sreema Mahila Samity (1972)

Chief Functionary : Ms. Bani Saraswati
Project Manager : Dr. Jyotirmoy Saraswati

P.O. & Vill. Dattapulia
Dist. Nadia
Pin. 741504
Phone : 9173 65385/65207

# of sponsored children : 1161

Vocational training and income generation programmes, microcredit programmes, health clinic and eye operations, balwadis, nonformal and adult education, environmental awareness, self help groups.

Gandhi Vichar Parisad (1956)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Sisir Sanyal
Project Manager : Mr. Kalyan Roy

Bankura (Schooldanga)
Pin. 722101
Phone : 03242 53754/50664

# of sponsored children : 1102

Scientific agriculture and cottage industry, manufacture of leather goods, production and sale of Khadi products, balwadis, creches, nonformal education, health programmes, strong community based organization.

Socio Legal-Aid Research and Training Centre (1983) **(Urban and Rural Programmes)**

Chief Functionary : Mr. Manabendranath Mandal
Project Manager : Ms Bharati Roy

P-112 Lake Terrace
Calcutta – 700 029.
Phone : 466 5659/ 464 60978; email : slartc@cal.vsnl.net.in

# of sponsored children : 1230

Legal aid, legal literacy and advice for the distressed and socio economically oppressed, focus and programmes on child rights, income generation programme, MCH programme and nonformal schools.

Economic Rural Development Society (1985)
(Sidu Kanu Project)

Chief Functionary : Mr. Madhu Basu
Project Manager : Mr. Samir Saha

Vill. Thinagar
P.O. Pakuahat
Phone : 03511 66209

# of sponsored children : 681

Agricultural assistance, re-excavation of tanks, seed distribution, vocational training, education (nonformal and balwadis), health clinic.

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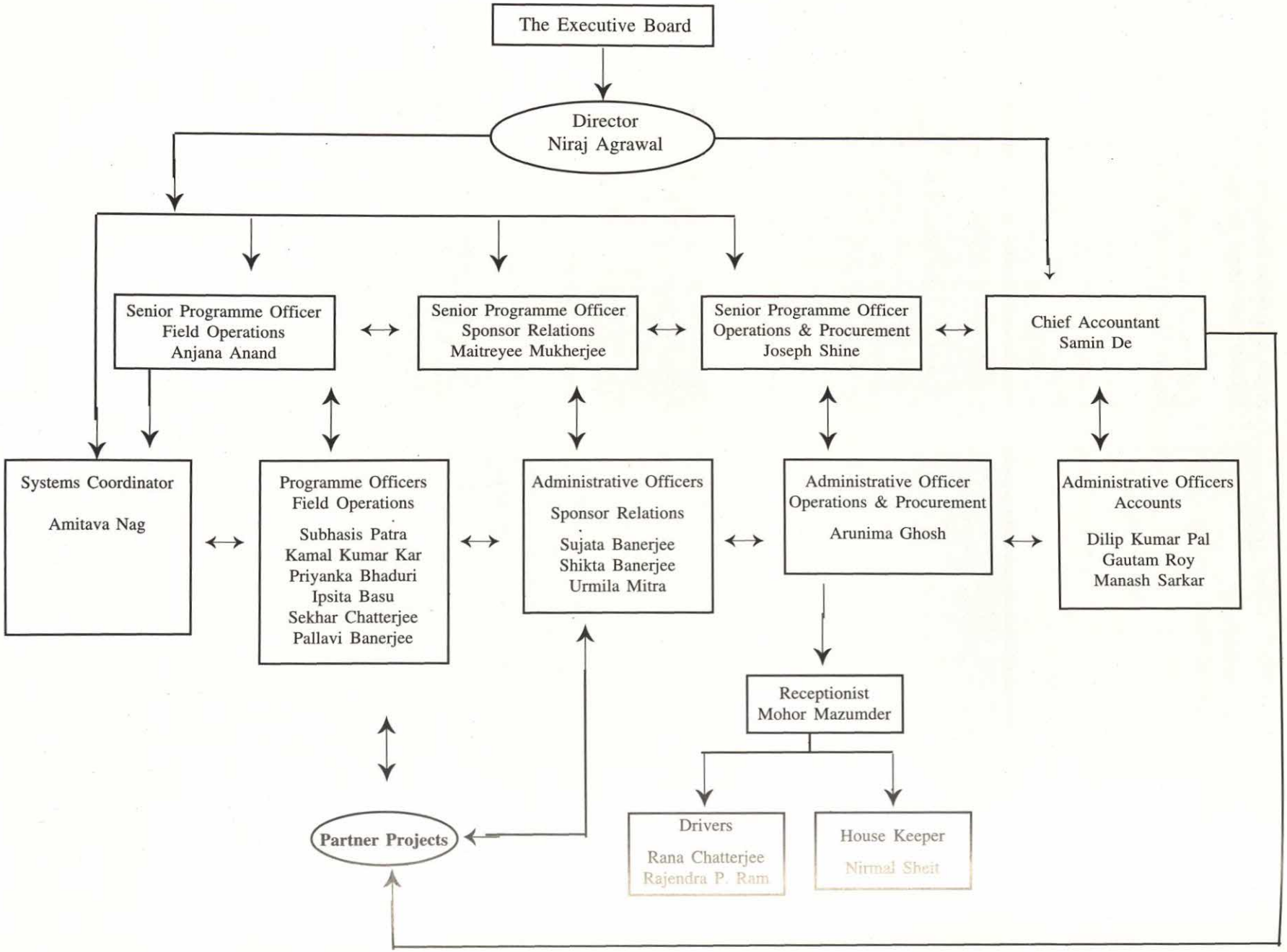

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CINI-Chetana Resource Centre, Calcutta

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Child Relief and You (CRY), Calcutta

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